

Birmingham Boy's Easter Vacation Spent In Florida

(As told to Norm Douglas by Tim Tolle, 972 Covington Road, Quanton School student)

I was one of the 47 persons who went to Miami Beach with the Y.M.C.A. We left Wayne County Airport April 19 by air coach. When we arrived in Miami we were taken by taxi to our hotel, the Shearman-Norman, and assigned to rooms. My room was in one of the villas adjacent to the swimming pool and right next to the Atlantic Ocean.

After a swim and dinner we listened to a four piece band play dance music until bed time.

At 6 a.m. Tuesday morning I went swimming in the ocean with Edwin Kierbert of the Birmingham "Y". We did this every day for one week and got ourselves a good tan. After brunch we only ate two meals each day, we generally sat on the beach and rested using cabana cots. In the afternoon we went window shopping or took special trips.

ON WEDNESDAY we visited the Parrot Jungle outside of Miami and I had a colored picture taken with 5 Macaws perched on my head and shoulders. This was a beautiful place with many flowers, flamingos, and other tropical birds. Thursday we went to Tropical hollyhairs and saw alligator wrestling. This was exciting as a Seminole Indian boy wrestled with the alligators.

Our Friday trip was through the Everglades west of Ft. Lauderdale where we fed alligators as they came up to the boat. Saturday was free time and I spent it on the beach. That night we had a beach party with a hot dog roast and a song fest. The Life Guard played his piano accordion for us.

The first handicap tournament of the season for the public links golfers of this area will be staged by the Michigan Public Golf Association this Saturday, May 1.

The tournament will be held at Edgewood Golf Club on Commerce rd. Ernie and George Fuller, hosts, they have announced that the starting tee will be closed from seven a.m. to 3 p.m. to all but competitors.

All golfers are welcome to compete according to Roy Leeburg, tournament chairman. Entries can be made today and Friday by contacting Leeburg at the Golf and Golf Mart, 217 Terrace, Birmingham. They can also be made at Edgewood Golf Club. Post entries will be accepted on Saturday, but Leeburg emphasized that pre-arranged starting times will be rigidly adhered to.

Obituary Notices

Southfield Twp. Employee Dies

A Southfield Township water board employee, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Welch, 57, died Sunday at her residence following a two-month illness.

A lifetime resident of Detroit and Oakland county, she lived at 15308 Kirkshire, Southfield township, for the past 23 years. Born June 6, 1896 in Wayne county, she was the widow of Robert J. Welch.

Mrs. Welch was a member of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs church, a member of the altar society and St. Anthony's guild. Survivors include a daughter and three sons, Mary Elizabeth Welch and James V., both of Birmingham, Robert F. and John R., both of Chicago; two sisters and three brothers.

Rosary was said Tuesday at the Bell chapel of the William R. Hamilton company and requiem mass was chanted Wednesday at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Burial was in Mt. Calvary cemetery, Rockwood, Mich.

ESTHER BERGER SCHIED, 67, of 30540 Inaker, Southfield township, died Monday in Harper hospital.

Born in Walden, Mich., Nov. 6, 1886, she was married to John Schied in Mt. Clemens in 1906. Mrs. Schied was a member of Redeemer Lutheran church. A former employee of the John Kuhns company in Mt. Clemens, she was a retail sales woman.

Survivors include her mother, Mrs. Amelia Berger of Detroit, and Harold Paul, 27, of Birmingham. She is survived also by her son, Harold Schoenberg of Birmingham, Mrs. William Crittenden of Royal Oak and Harold of Mt. Clemens. Five grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Della Hickens of Detroit, Mrs. Edna Matthews and a brother, Victor Berger, both of Mt. Clemens.

Funeral services will be conducted at 1:30 p.m. today at the Manly Bailey funeral home with the Rev. Theodore Waggauer officiating. Burial will be in Memorial gardens East, Macomb county.

EMERSON L. PAGE, 73, of Big Beaver road, Troy township, died Friday.

Survivors include two children, Mrs. Gordon Johnson of Birmingham and Harold Page of Grand Blanc and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at Hill Funeral Home, Grand Blanc, with burial in Mt. Hope cemetery, Lapser.

MRS. EDLA MERIVITA, 63, died April 21 at the home of her son, Paul, 4215 Hampton, Royal Oak. An Oakland County resident for 30 years she lived at 21260 West Twelve Mile road, Southfield township for the past 12 years.

Born Sept. 7, 1890 in Nikkeli, Finland, she was married there in 1913 to William Merivita. Mrs. Merivita was a member of the Finnish Apostolic church in Detroit.

Survivors besides her son included four daughters, Mrs. August Antilla of Florida, Mrs. Buckley Myer of Howell, Mrs. William Watson and Mrs. Lee LePage, both of Birmingham; three brothers and a sister in Finland.

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RALPH E. HUNT
Newly Elected UF Chairman To Map Campaign

Campaign plans for the 1954 Torch Drive in Southern Oakland County will be made Friday at a meeting in the office of the newly elected General Campaign Chairman, Ralph E. Hunt, general manufacturing manager of the Tractor Division of the Ford Motor Company here.

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BOY SCOUTS

Refer Speed Sign Request To County

A request to erect speed control signs on Millerton, Virginia and Vermont streets in Troy township was referred to the Oakland County road commission by Troy board members Monday night.

Theodore M. Mathie, 2366 Vermont, complained to the board that speeding in the small subdivision was endangering lives of the community's children.

Troy board members told Mathie the petition would have to be forwarded to the board department that would investigate the area with the aid of the Michigan state police.

Two Scout Troops Learn Morse Code

Philip W. Miner, 7120 Leabrook, Bloomfield township, former Detroit Boy Scout district commissioner, instructed members of Scout Troops B-4 and B-25 in international Morse code Monday night at Troop B-4's regular meeting.

With the aid of projected slides and audio equipment, Miner explained his Philocoda system for learning code, a system now used by U. S. armed forces.

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Himelhoch Bros. Opens Saturday

The Northland Center branch of Himelhoch Bros. & Co. opens Saturday, May 1. The store occupies approximately 20,000 square feet, with floor space on two levels.

Within the past five years two new branches have been built. The first one in Birmingham grew so rapidly that last year its space was doubled. The second suburban store is in Grosse Pointe.

Merchandise from every department in the store will be available in this new unit, including coats, suits, dresses, junior apparel, lingerie, corsets, shoes, military, infants', toddlers' and children's wear and children's shoes.

Robert W. Guy 1973 Stanley, formerly manager of the Birmingham branch, will manage the new Northland unit.

Coyner Checker Contest Winner

Jack Coyner defeated 20 contestants in the YMCA School Easter holiday checker tournament last week as he won eight matches without defeat.

Jackie Coons proved best in table tennis and swept through all of his opposition as he took honors for this event.

Both boys showed real courage in coming from behind to win. The tournaments were part of the Y's holiday program while the Birmingham schools were on vacation.

Table SDD License For Franklin Store

An application of John A. Showers for an SDD liquor license in his Franklin grocery store was tabled by Southfield township board members Tuesday night after the June 14 charter vote had been taken in Franklin.

The Franklin Civic association opposed the license approval and asked that the matter be delayed until after the charter vote, so if Franklin becomes village, the village council then could pass on the application.

Last 1 1/2 Per Cent Is the Hardest!

The percentage was fractional, but it showed that Birmingham taxpayers again this year set a record in tax collection according to City Treasurer Russell T. Berger.

As of the March 1 city tax collection deadline, 98.24 per cent of city taxes had been paid in, exceeding the previous year's record of 98.19 per cent, Berger said.

Not in 26 years has the return been so high, the treasurer commented.

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