

Air-Rescue Plan Sees B'ham CAP In Active Role

"An Air Force plane has crashed somewhere in central Michigan. The craft, with a pilot and observer board, is long overdue at Selkridge Field. It had enough gas for four hours of flight when last heard from at Gladwin airport. That was at 8:50 a.m. It is now 1:30 p.m. The crew is probably injured but is believed to be alive."

This message started the wheel's turning in a recent "rescue" assignment in which the Birmingham Civil Air Patrol unit took part, along with other Michigan units. Headquarters were at Reynolds Field, Ann Arbor, an airport previously established as the emergency base.

The affair was a form of CAP

drill in finding and aiding victims of downed aircraft.

IN EACH case a hypothetical crash is set up, and as the tempo of the search increases, the whole exercise becomes very real to the youthful CAP members.

The actual search begins when pilots and their observers take off to fly "legs" over the area where the crash is believed to have happened. It ends when the missing aircraft has been found.

Civil Air Patrol takes over the job of assigning personnel, organizing the search and compiling progress reports as pilots check in.

BILLETED in tents the local squadron remained on duty all night. Participating in the rescue program were Emily Schuster, Lynn Reed, Joyce Kerley, Ron Thurston, Tom Hewitt, Ted Schaefer, Bud Sawyer, John Graham, Willie Krause, Bill Heyniger, Lynn Granger, Carolyn Cooper, Ed Miller and Al Warner.

Senior squadron members included Mr. William Teasel, Maj. Richard Nelson, Lt. Hans Hess, W/O Jack MacColeman, W/O Harold McGuire, L. Robert Doyno and W/O Wayne Sawyer.

Want Ads cannot be accepted after 5 p.m. each Tuesday.

There is, deep within every normal person, the natural yearning for freedom; once the yoke of tyranny is placed about a person's neck, he then thinks and struggles to gain his freedom. But why should one so easily give up existing freedom for the yoke?

The Birmingham Eccentric

BIRMINGHAM BACKGROUND

Local History in Story and Picture
As Compiled and Written by RUTH ANNE SILBAR



Five-Cent 'See-gars' Were Best Sellers When Joe Marswell, Cigar Salesman, Came into The Hopson Brothers' Cigar Store in 1915

Fred and Will Hopson operated the store and also a poolroom in the southwest corner of Birmingham Inn—a hotel which stood on the southeast corner of Woodward and Maple.

The hotel was a Birmingham landmark and had been known for over 50 years as the "National Hotel", but was re-christened and rebuilt under the proprietorship of James Wooster in 1910.

To the left of Marswell in the picture above and behind those swinging doors was the hotel bar of "all mahogany and cut glass", according to The Eccentric of the day.

FRED HOPSON, now living in Florida, was leaning on the cigar case while brother Will in shirt sleeves was polishing up a cue. Behind Will was a passageway leading into the poolroom which contained six pool tables.

Hopson brothers were in business from 1913 until the hotel closed in 1920. Will Hopson still is a Birmingham resident, living on Fernside street.

While most of the cigar brands advertised in the store and displayed in the cases are unfamiliar to present day cigar smokers, five cent cigars are still available, although pretty scarce, pretty small, and from some accounts, pretty terrible.

Kiwanis Clubs Plan Huge 'Kids' Party

Birmingham Kiwanis club, along with groups from Fernside, Highland Park, Oak Park, Royal Oak, Berkley, Farmington and West Bloomfield is playing hosts to area children on Aug. 20.

Each club will invite about 100 children from five to ten years old, to be their guests at the Kidsland Musical Park, W. 8 Mile, during the afternoon.

Free rides, ice cream, soft drinks and hot dogs, along with entertainment, will be provided by the clubs. Transportation is to be provided by 50 club members who will also supervise the children at the park.

Woman Protests, Gets Probation

A Birmingham woman appeared before Justice John J. Gaffill Friday protesting a traffic signal violation ticket she had been given on July 29 and paid on August 8.

The woman, Mrs. Virginia Baldwin Pike, 27, 15525 Birwood road, maintained she went through a caution light before it turned red at the intersection of Adams and Maple, and did not believe she had committed a traffic signal violation.

Judge John J. Gaffill found her guilty, but because it was her first traffic violation, she was placed on 30 days probation. Her money was refunded.

Big Bear Case Suspended 5 Wks.

Case against Big Bear market on S. Woodward in Birmingham Justice court Friday was suspended until Sept. 20. In the interim Judge J. Gaffill ordered the market to minimize the noise of a disturbing air conditioner so it would no longer be a nuisance to the neighborhood.

Complaints maintained the air conditioner has been a nuisance for the past two years, and that attempts management has taken to minimize the sound have been unsatisfactory. The management agreed to shut off the cooler each night, but complaints maintained he did not.

Management proposed the installation of an electrical timer and hoped this would be a solution to the disturbance.

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Named Associate NACA Director

Arthur P. Kaufman, 1810 Grandfield, has been elected an associate director of the National Association of Cost Accountants, Detroit chapter.

Kaufman is a graduate of the University of Denver and was a CPA there before coming to Detroit. He has been with Arthur Anderson & Co. here for the last six years as a manager.

Kaufman also is a member of the American Institute of Accountants and the Michigan Association of CPAs.

Active in Fleet Training Exercise

Participating in the training exercise conducted by Pacific Fleet units are two Birmingham men.

Aboard the fleet oiler USS Chequamegon is William J. Ennis, son of Mrs. Mildred Ennis, 4748 Rochester road.

His wife John R. Miller is aboard the landing ship dock USS Catawampus. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Miller, 1247 Ennis avenue.

Completes Course

First Lt. Donald J. Davies has completed an orientation course in military medical service at Brooke Army Medical center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and has been transferred to Fort Belvoir, Va.

He is the son of Mrs. Reginald Davies, 187 Townsend, and husband of Mrs. Louise Davies, 679 Frank street.

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