



MODEL RAILROADERS of South Oakland county elected officers for 1955 at their Dec. 3 meeting. Holding the official reins (left to right) Fred Hohl, H. R. Beisel, Don King, Phil Matzner, Jack Weir, Dexter Wright and (center) Mrs. E.J.S. Pettypiece. The newly organized group draw members from the entire area. Meetings are held in an upper room of Birmingham's (TWR) station, where a permanent installation of tracks and other equipment is planned. Mrs. Pettypiece, secretary, said membership rolls are still open and invites other model railroad fans to join. (Eccentric Photo)

Has New Assignment
HAKATA, Japan—Pfc. George F. Bliski, formerly of 300 East Wattle road recently left Korea with the 24th Infantry Division, which has been assigned to Hakata, Japan. The "Victory" division, has

been in the Far East since World War II. Bliski, a baker in Company C of the division's 24th Medical Battalion, entered the Army in May 1953 and arrived overseas the following November.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
Guess It's Called 'a Safety "Drive"'

Whitely Fisher, from the State Motor Vehicle Department, dropped by to discuss some of our local traffic problems. "Up at Center Junction," Whitely says, "they've got a new sign that really slows down the traffic going through town."

"The sign says: 'At 25 miles an hour, you can drive through Center Junction in 2 1/2 minutes.' It slows people down too—some just take it easy to check on that 2 1/2 minutes, I guess. Hasn't even been a dented fender since that sign went up."

From where I sit, it wasn't what the sign said, but the way it was said. People are usually pretty understanding if they understand what you mean. It's the same way with differences of opinion. Perhaps your neighbor prefers a temperate glass of beer, and you would choose buttermilk. What I'd like to see is for all of us to "slow down," talk it out, and be respectful of our neighbor's rights.

Joe Marsh

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BOY SCOUTS

Court of Honor Ceremony Honors Troop B-1 Members

The investiture ceremony and court of honor was held for Boy Scout Troop B-1 Monday night at the First Presbyterian church. Scoutmaster Mendon L. West conducted the Tenderfoot induction after the invocation was read by The Rev. Robert W. Gibson. Twelve candles placed in a birch log were lighted as the 12 Scout laws were repeated.

Tenderfoot awards were granted by Charles F. Ziegler, committee chairman to Michael Emery, Jeff Farrer, Charles Ziegler, Robert Ross, Mendon Westcott, Jr., William Zabriskie, William Collins, William Rosemont, William Shroyer, Jack Werner, Chad Ervin, Murray Stewart.

SECOND CLASS awards went to Scouts Phil Mack, Martin McGaffey, Mendon Westcott, Jr., Gavon Blackwood, Paul Moberly, William Heydon, Chris Matthews, Charles Ziegler, Jack Werner, Michael Emery and John Finn. Neighborhood Commissioner B. John Mitchell presented William Heydon with the first class honor. Merit badges went to Paul McGaffey, Roger Webster, James Reid, Thomas Taylor and Robert Hewitt.

James Reid also claimed the Star Scout award and Robert Hewitt the Life Scout award. The treasurer Eagle rank went



Cadet Lt. Assumes Responsibilities

The promotion of Cadet Virgil M. Exner, Jr., to the grade of second lieutenant, was made at the AFJOTC detachment 225, University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame, Ind.

Cadet Exner is a junior in the college of arts and letters and is majoring in art. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil M. Exner, Sr., 1032 Westwood drive.

New responsibilities since his promotion will include those of flight leader, organizing, supervising and training the men up his flight and assisting the squadron commander in preparing promotional lists, merit and demerit slips and rosters.

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Plan Technician Joins City Staff

Herbert Herzberg, 28, 938 Chester, has joined the City of Birmingham's engineering department as planning technician. A native of Royal Oak, Herzberg attended schools in Royal Oak, Pontiac and Birmingham before serving as an Air Cadet during World War II. After his discharge from service in 1945, he attended and graduated from the School of Landscape Architecture and Urban Planning, Michigan State college, in 1951. After graduation, he was employed with the firm of Waring and Johnson (planning consultants and landscape architects) until December of this year.

A member of both the American Society of Landscape Architects and the American Society of Planning Officials, Herzberg will work directly with the city's engineering department on planning problems.

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