

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

**ABOUT 35 EMPLOYEES** of the Tractor and Implement division of the Ford Motor company have already signed up for the Feb. 16 blood bank at the East Maple plant. Details for the employees-only bank are being handled by John J. Mooney, industrial relations manager. At a previous visit a year or two ago, about 100 of the personnel there made donations.

**ANOTHER** forward step in the battle against polio is the locally sponsored appearance of the Rosalind Russell film, "Sister Kenny" which will be shown at 7:15 and 9:15 p.m., Feb. 23, at the Birmingham theater. The proceeds will go to the Sister Kenny Foundation for the treatment of polio victims. The picture is being sponsored by the Sister Kenny Anniversary club of Birmingham.

**HAS ANYONE** noticed the display of "hats" and jewelry in the lobby of the Birmingham National bank? Apparently a mild streak in peculiarity in the headgear is nothing new. About the only thing this Wanderer can say in favor of today's styles is that so far milady has managed to keep out of the hardware business. While the hats on exhibit are no more fantastic than some of the "cute little numbers" we see today, they certainly are a lot heavier!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mrs. Thayer M. Cowman on her prize winning recipe for the use of Maine potatoes. Mrs. Cowman is one of the successful winners in a chain grocery sponsored contest and will be a TV guest in Detroit on Feb. 12. This Wintmat, fond of good food, is hoping to make her recipe available to readers of The Eccentric in a not-too-distant issue.

**THE MARCH** of Dimes marches on and on. Three youngsters, Susan Adair, Margaret Chamberlain and Linda Stanley spent two weeks preparing a magic show for neighborhood children, sold tickets at two cents each and turned in the total receipts of their efforts, 56 cents, to Mrs. Howard Riemann, co-chairman of the 1954 March. Mrs. Riemann said she had been informed that the youngsters were already planning a bigger and better show to help in the 1955 campaign.

**TROY TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS** have found the point of "no return" on the old adage, "it pays to advertise". Township board members recognizing the need for competitive bidding when a municipality buys or sells equipment, are stymied on the problem of disposing of a 1940 model pickup truck. Local bidding in the area taken two months ago resulted in quotations of \$15 and \$16 for the worn-out vehicle used all these years in the township's water department. To publish an advertisement calling for bids has been estimated at \$20 with no assurance that the \$16 bid would be exceeded. To keep the truck would continue insurance premiums near \$100 a year. Board members finally decided that any sum offered for the truck would be favorably considered.

**LAUGHTER PREVAILED** momentarily at the Monday night meeting of the Southfield board of education when Board Secretary Mark T. Rebhine assumed a grave air and solemnly announced, "I have a report to make on a very weighty problem. In the past few weeks I have lost 27 pounds."

**THE LAST THANKSGIVING DAY TILT** between Birmingham and Royal Oak High schools, netted \$3,817.75 for the Royal Oak school when game receipts were turned over to High School Principal Miles E. Marks last week. The Royal Oak Kiwanis Club, promoters of the game when it is played in Royal Oak, made the presentation. Birmingham will have to wait until the game returns to the city this fall for any financial gain.

**A YEAR'S STUDY** in an English university has been awarded by Rotary International to Lawrence Martz, Jr., 4245 Oak Grove, Wing Lake. Now a senior at Dartmouth College, he is the second youth from this area to receive a Rotary Foundation Scholarship for study abroad. Four years ago Edward O. Hascall, Jr., of 755 Ridgedale, studied for a year at Bonn University, Germany. Hascall's nomination was sponsored by the Birmingham Rotary club, while Martz was nominated by the Pontiac club. Martz has not decided yet whether his post-graduate studies will be at Oxford, Cambridge, or Edinburgh.

**CITY MANAGER D. C. Egbert** is accumulating data regarding Birmingham's municipal credit rating. He believes it is better than the "Baa" rating one important investors service is listing. "That rating," said Mayor Ralph A. Main this week, "sounds like another version of the Bronx cheer." (In reality, it is a fairly high rank.)

*When a man or woman acquires a building, cushions for their little and big kindnesses for others, he or she is getting values from life that selfish people never understand. "Giving to give, you cease to have—such is the Law of Love!"*



**THE BIG MOMENT** came Monday noon for members of the Oakland County Society for Crippled Children when the keys to a new station wagon were presented to Phil Baker (left), President of the Society, by Birmingham Rotarians Matthew Cammareri (center), head of the club's special activities committee, and Club President Ed Pool (right). The Society's gratitude for the gift of the Rotary club to transport crippled children was expressed by Baker, Mrs. Gerald Kirkby, executive secretary of the society, and Mrs. Leon R. Skelley, society treasurer, who were on hand for Monday's meeting of the club to explain the workings of the society. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

## See Crammed Junior, Senior High Facilities Next Fall

Facilities to house high school and junior high school students in the Birmingham district will be crammed to the hilt next fall, a report revealed to the board of education at a special meeting Tuesday night.

School administrators making the report warned that the coming school year would be the last in which present facilities could be expected, even under crowded conditions, to house students in the secondary school group.

By fall of 1955, a junior high school in the eastern part of the city will become a necessity, said D. E. Ireland, school superintendent.

The report Tuesday night was based on a student population survey recently completed by school administrators. The study reveals 2,508 students now in the district will be enrolled in junior and senior high school next fall.

## YMCA Membership Drive Progressing

Arthur Blakeslee, Chairman of the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. Membership Committee, tallied the reports of his various team captains with Oscar Peterson, General Chairman, and found that 1,177 new members enrolled on its 1954 enrollment as of Monday.

Car C headed by John Slater as driver leads the four teams in their tour of Michigan with 63 members; followed by Car A under Bill Gordon's leadership with 27 and 31 members respectively.

All teams and team members were to report at a meeting on Monday, Feb. 8 to be held at the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. from 7 to 8:30 p.m. There were several prizes for the members making the best report of the evening based on members obtained.

The enrollment continues through February 29. The Y is using its total hoped-for enrollment of more than 1,500 members to build its new 14-story Y.M.C.A. building. This request is being made to the United Foundation Building Committee. Memberships are being received through the mails.

## CUB SCOUTS

### Father-Son Banquet Held for Pack Members

A father and son banquet to celebrate the observance of Boy Scout Week was held by members of Cub Pack B-8 at the Community House Tuesday night.

The banquet was under the direction of Committeemen Malcolm Campbell who was assisted by Chairman Robert Williams, James Lynch, advancement chairman, and advancement to members of the pack.

Special guests at the dinner were Doreen Mothers, Mrs. E. R. Brantlett, Mrs. J. A. Cummins, Mrs. H. S. Kaiser, Mrs. R. A. Emmett and Pack Mother Mrs. Elizabeth Brunst.

Pack B-8 is one of four newly-created packs established after Pack B-8 at Adams school was divided.

### To See Shrine Circus

About 35 members of Cub Pack B-8 are expected to leave by special bus from Birmingham Branch School Saturday noon, Feb. 13, to see the Shrine circus in Detroit.

### Alley Hearing March 1

Confirmation of the special assessment roll for paving by alley behind the business block at the northwest corner of W. Maple and Chestnut will be held on March 1. Before the city commission.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

## Troy Cagers Hold League Lead by Edging Roseville

By NORM NORTON

Peyton Goodwin's hustling Colts just kept rolling along in the Oakland "B" league with a clean slate 6-0 followed by Roseville with 2-0.

Troy defeated Roseville 43 to 38 in a game last week. Mike Dekane scored 21 points and Jim Munlock 9 points.

The fatal blow came to Roseville when Jerry Wyett came in the last 5 minutes to hit for 5 quick points which enabled Troy to continue to victory.

Troy was behind in the first quarter by the score of 7-0 and in the second quarter still failed to catch up with Roseville and was behind at half time by the score of 19-16.

**TROY ENTERED** the third quarter still hoping to catch up with Roseville but at the end of the third quarter was still behind with the score of 30-26.

In the last quarter Coach Goodwin's Colts got together and played a heads up final period. The play of Mike Dekane and Jerry Wyett was still behind in the last put Troy ahead and gave them their 6th straight league win. Coach Goodwin had praise for one player but the entire team.

Troy now has a 9-2 record and has yet to lose to a Class B school. Two A outfits, Birmingham, and Southfield have nicked Troy for their two defeats.

Berger was high point man for Roseville with 18 points.

## Family Smoked Out By Water Heater

A smoking automatic fuel oil hot water heater caused a run for the Birmingham fire department Monday night.

The Don Cummings family, 1351 Cedar, called the department when the smoke forced them from the house.

Firemen brought the heater under control and aired out the house.

## School Lunch Cost Expected to Rise

Price of lunches for area school children may take a jump before the end of the year, it was disclosed at the Monday night meeting of the Southfield board of education.

Reason for this situation is that the appropriation of the federal agriculture department for school lunch aid is just about dried up, according to Glenn Schoenhals, superintendent.

Glenn Leary, school administrative assistant reported that Southfield schools may be able to absorb the extra cost due to a slight profit made so far this year in the lunch program.

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