



PATRICIA MASON MRS. W. B. HULBERT CHRISTINE HULBERT
Polio victims making good recoveries at homes (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Mothers

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Robert Dremann, fourteen, of Franklin will be returning home from Ann Arbor, sometime next week. At the hospital his recovery has been described as "dramatic." Robert's mother, Mrs. J. M. Dremann, is in charge of the Franklin workers, and the news of her son's excellent progress will spur the drive in that community. The boy was stricken last summer with spinobulbar polio and confined to an iron lung. Shortly after, he was established in a rocking bed and later was sent to University Hospital in Ann Arbor. He has been able to spend two weeks at home and now is learning to walk.

"Robert, it seems to me, is one of the many excellent examples of what medical science plus the determination and cooperation of the individual can do." Mrs. Rieman, in commenting on Birmingham cases, said another type, spinal polio, had been suffered by Patricia Mason, a fifth grader. Patricia has recovered sufficiently to attend half-day sessions at school. She now is wearing one leg brace but feels that, too, will go after a little more hard work at physiotherapy. This youngster has displayed a wonderful courage and cheerfulness throughout the whole ordeal. She has a high rating with her nurses and teachers, with the latter doing all she can to help Patricia with her school work. Her classmates, too, are lending a helping hand.

THEY ARE going one step farther by active participation in the March. Mrs. Rieman said, referring to the members of Girl Scout Troop 365 which will canvass the Maryland and Birmingham boulevards. "Mrs. William B. Hulbert and her daughter Christine, are examples of the mental tortures which victims, those who make complete recovery. They have learned what the mental torture is like when you know you have polio, but they have also learned that the National Foundation can do. They know that gamma globulin will be available, adequate treatment will be provided and the fight will go on to lick polio, completely."

"The night of the March," Mrs. Rieman said, "will be the Detroit Edison calypso on the streets, as well as a sound car supplied by Northbrook." "AT THE Community House, refreshments furnished by the Birmingham National Bank and the A&P food stores, will be available to all workers." Taylor asked that persons who are out of town during the March, mail their contributions to Box 248, Birmingham, or simply to March of Dimes, c/o Birmingham Postoffice. "We feel," he said, "that the people of Birmingham will want to take an active part in their community's campaign, whether they are at home or vacationing in distant places."

To See Ice Ymca

The Birmingham YMCA is planning a trip to see the Hollywood Bowl. A charter bus will leave the "Y" at 1 p.m. for the 2:30 matinee performance at Olympia and will return immediately after the performance arriving back in Birmingham about 6:30 p.m. Reservations may be made by telephoning the YMCA.

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Adams 5th Grade Makes Donation To Polio March

Another group donation of \$20.06 has been raised for the Birmingham March of Dimes, according to Birmingham officials. Children from the fifth grade of Adams school made this contribution to one of the area captains, it was reported. One of the "Marching Mothers" was told the children had created a "benefit" fund some time ago, and had never decided just what to use it for.

"Last week they had a class meeting," she said, "and voted to turn the money over to the March of Dimes." "SOME OF the children then began bringing in donations on their own until we finally had collected a pretty good sum. The woman also reported that a boy in the class had received \$10 at Christmas to buy skates. His purchase proved to be quite a bit under this figure and so the balance went to the March of Dimes. Other children, she said, brought money from their "piggy banks" to use the class fund."

Republican Committee To Meet Tuesday Night

A regular meeting of the Birmingham Republican Committee will be held at the Community House on Tuesday, February 2 at 8:00 P.M. in the Ruth Shain Room. Mr. J. Allen Harwood, Committee Chairman, announced that organization plans were being completed as well as an election day drive for the February 11 election for State Representative. All precinct captains, area electors, block leaders and interested Republicans are urged to be present at this important meeting, said Harwood. Tickets for the Lincoln Day Dinner, to be held on Thursday, February 10 at Northwest Inn featuring a talk by Senator Carlson of Kansas, will be available at the meeting.

City's First Sunday School

A "first" in Birmingham (and perhaps the State of Alabama) was recorded by the Embury Methodist church Sunday when a squad of safety patrol boys took up duties for the church's Sunday school. The squad is composed of six boys whose duty on Sunday mornings will be to escort approximately 150 children across intersections near the church at 14 Mile and Croft. The idea for the safety patrol boys came from the Commission on Education for the church which contacted Lt. Henry Timm of the Birmingham police department for help in organizing the program. Lt. Timm arranged for safety patrol belts from the Automobile Club of Michigan.

CAPTAIN OF the six-man patrol is Chris Uplinger who won a trip to Washington, D.C., last spring for his work as a safety patrol boy at Pierce school. His associates on the patrol are Richard Bidigare, Lee Roy Tompkins, Ronald Hunter, Neal Talbot and Tom Lamb.

Skating

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ural rink poses is that of supervision. "When we don't know from one day to the next if there is going to be ice, we can't keep supervisors lined up for the various rinks," explained Whitney. Without supervisors, parents have possibilities of complications due to children who wish to play hockey. Whitney and Board Member Ronald Reese have been assigned the task of checking on the possibility of an artificial rink.

At a later meeting, they will report to the board on the costs involved. To be included in the study are such items as maintenance, supervision, rink scheduling, and lessons to beginners.

WHITNEY SAID that initial investigation seems to favor a portable rink to be installed early in the fall and taken up and stored in the late spring. Public subscription; has been mentioned as a method of financing the project. Whitney said that many citizens have contacted the board and have offered land to use as skating rinks. However, he added, because of the possibilities of complications due to liability in case of injuries, the board will not install rinks on any property except that owned by the city or the board of education. City Forester William LeBald reported at the meeting that only about \$400 remains in the board's budget of \$2,000 for ice skating facilities.

IN OTHER discussions at the meeting, the board agreed something should be done to provide facilities for young golfing enthusiasts in the city. "Golf has become extremely popular in Birmingham and the youngsters need some place to pursue the sport," Whitney said. He added that some youngsters were using playgrounds to practice driving balls, a practice considered dangerous to other children. Whitney said the board is considering developing small three or four hole courses for the use of young golfers. Also at the meeting, the Little League, the Babe Ruth league and the American Legion league were given a "go ahead" to prepare their schedules for the coming baseball season.

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way of life—faith in God, our Constitutional Republic, and our private enterprise economic system—some form of Socialism will be established.

"THIS WOULD be playing right into the hands of the Communists and Socialists—when, as a matter of fact, this nation's best hope for continuing freedom and progress lies in our on-coming generation's gaining a clear enough understanding of the value of these basic American elements not to be led astray by doctrines which would destroy them."

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