

How much happier our world would be if, when someone starts to tell you something "that I just heard, but can't prove", you would stop him and say "I only want to hear things that are based on facts, truth."

TWO COPIES of The Birmingham Eccentric's 75th Anniversary Edition (published last May 21) were mailed this week to the State Library in Lansing, at the request of Mrs. E. B. Laughlin of the library's Michigan local and family history section. Incidentally, The Eccentric still has a number of this Special Edition available at 35 cents if picked up at our circulation desk, or 60 cents if it is mailed.

SANTA'S VERY SORRY to tell some of Birmingham's little boys and girls that he did not receive their letters until Jan. 20. He wasn't able to have them published in The Eccentric with the rest, of course, but he did know what gifts were wanted and took care of that matter without having the letters. Now, as to the penny which was sent him, he has asked us to turn that over to the March of Dimes, saying a like gift from every man, woman and child in the country would add up to quite a few dollars and do a great deal toward assuring a victory for the people over polio.

WITHOUT HAVING any official part in it, the Birmingham Lions club is managing to leave its mark on the new unit being chartered at Milan under the sponsorship of the Ann Arbor club. Jack Spence, brother of Birmingham's Bill Spence, is the new club's president, while Ray McNaughton, brother of Dr. Archie McNaughton, immediate past president of the local club, will be listed among Milan's charter members.

A MALE CHORUS of 30 voices from the Tractor and Implement Division, Ford Motor Company, has been organized and will meet weekly at the Birmingham Community House. Elected president is Vincent A. Koelzer; vice-president, H. A. Lehmann, and secretary, Frank E. Allred. The chorus will be directed by Albert J. Mayworm.

THE FIRST TIME he had to assume full responsibility for setting up and maintaining voting machines for an election, Jack Fawcett did "a very fine job," City Clerk Irene Hanley said. Fawcett is assistant to Elections Inspector Henry Johns, who became ill six days before the Jan. 21 third district special primary election. Johns returned to work Monday.

WITH BILL HENDERSON handling the gavel, an auction was held at the regular meeting of Birmingham Kiwanis club last week. A number of items donated by members were sold to members, with a total return of \$50. The money was earmarked for the Birmingham March of Dimes, and already has been turned over to Mrs. Howard Reiman, co-chairman with John B. Taylor of the local campaign.

Korean Service Brings Citation For B'ham Dentist

A citation of commendation from the commanding general of the 1st Marine Division has been conferred on Lt. Samuel N. Bruni, former Birmingham dentist whose home address is 983 Rivewood. The citation reads in part, "For excellent service in the line of his profession while serving with a Marine medical company during operations against the enemy in Korea from 19 May to 29 October 1953."

"Serving as dental officer, Lt. Bruni displayed outstanding ability and professional skill. During this period when fighting was fierce and casualties were numerous, he unflinchingly gave his services in assisting the sorting and classification of incoming wounded, assisting in administering anesthesia and personally performing numerous wound debridements thus working far beyond the ordinary requirements of a dental officer."

"He fulfilled his regular duties as dental officer regardless of personal fatigue or the adverse conditions encountered. . . . Lt. Bruni is at present serving in Tokyo, Japan as a United States naval reserve officer with the 3rd Marine Division."

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

UNDERWOOD **TYPEWRITER** ROYAL REMINGTON
SMITH-CORONA
Sales, Service and Rentals

Burroughs Adding Machines
Office Supplies

FORBES PRINTING and OFFICE SUPPLY
415 E. Frank St., cor. Ann
Midwest 4-2224

What's Your Score . . . for '54

Yes . . . No . . . Is your room over the garage hard to heat?

Yes . . . No . . . Is it colder upstairs than down?

Yes . . . No . . . Do you have a draft from your open stairway?

Yes . . . No . . . Are your outside walls cold?

Yes . . . No . . . Are your rooms hot in summer?

Yes . . . No . . . Are your fuel bills high?

In 90% of the fine new homes built in Birmingham the last few years there is a great need for additional insulation BLOWN IN, to enable you to mark 'NO' to each question.

WITHOUT OBLIGATION . . . May we provide a survey of your home to tell you how you can be among the satisfied customers we have served in Birmingham for twenty years.

Call MI 4-1134 or WE 3-6830

ROCK WOOL INSULATING CO.
321 Wabek Bldg., Birmingham, Mich.
or 12115 Washburn Ave., Detroit 4, Mich.



DEKE JONES MRS. EDWARD HEWITT MRS. A. L. SCHAEFER RICKIE SEEBURGER
Young artists are encouraged at the Lincoln Nursery school. (Eccentric Staff Photo)

Nursery School Opens at YMCA

The Lincoln Nursery School meeting from 9 a.m. to 12 a.m. each day, Monday through Friday, the Nursery is providing a need in the community for mothers with pre-school children.

With a potential enrollment of 100 children (20 per day for 5 days), the Nursery is providing supervised activities and teachings for youngsters three to five of age. These pre-school activities are directed by Mrs. Edward Hewitt, Mrs. Leslie Schaefer and Mrs. Edwin Kirtley, all of whom have had experience working with groups. Mrs. Kirtley is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati with a B.S. degree in Kindergarten and Nursery work and has done considerable supervisory work in Cincinnati, Ohio.

There are still openings for youngsters either on a single or two or three day schedule. Activities consist of supervised play, stories, work with materials, painting, games and working with other children.

The school is licensed, fully equipped, and seeks to provide supervised activities for boys and girls of pre-school age.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN Reader Enjoys Women Columnists

To The Editor:
Just a note to say how much I enjoy the three women columnists in your paper. I particularly look forward every week to "The Commuter's Wife" by Helen Brunson—the experiences she describes are so familiar and her suggestions often helpful.

I am glad to see that this week "The Commuter's Wife" is back again on the front page of one of your sections so that I can find it easily.

JANET M. RIX
633 Chesterfield

(Editor's Note: Thank you, Mrs. Rix, for giving us your comments on our three women columnists. As for the future position of "The Commuter's Wife," you should find it every week on one of the first three or four pages of Section Four—along with other news of particular interest to women.)

Scouts Register For Photo Course

Registration night for the Boy and Girl Scout photography course at the Cranbrook Institute of Science will be Thursday, February 4. President E. G. Batty of the Bloomfield Hills Camera Club has appointed 20 cameramen to assist in the instruction of the Scouts in earning their merit badges for photography. The course will begin February 18.

The course is free and according to Batty, the club hopes that all Scouts in this area will take the course.

Study Crime Books

Sale of crime comic books in Troy township is under study by the township police department after board members Monday night expressed concern over the detrimental effect these books can have on children under 17 years of age. Board members agreed that action would be taken on an ordinance banning the sale of the books should the police find a need for such legislation.

Seek Amendment For Construction Of Troy Pre-Fabs

A request for a zoning amendment that would permit the construction of pre-fabricated homes in Troy township was submitted to township board members Monday night.

The Johnson Construction company, area dealers for National Homes corporation, briefed board members on the quality of the pre-fabs and asked that the board consider the construction of this type of home in project-like developments.

Supervisor Norman R. Baird instructed members of the township building inspection department to meet with representatives of the firm and report back to the board on their findings.

WILLARD WORTH, architect for the Michigan Division of National Homes, explained comparison tests made by the Forest Products Laboratories on conventional

home construction and the pre-fabricated type of construction. "Our product compared satisfactorily on all parts of the test," Worth stated. "And on several counts our houses exceeded the strength and quality of conventional home construction."

The Forest Products Laboratories is a division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Baird said that the building department still was not satisfied with certain aspects of the pre-fabs and would welcome a chance to learn more about them before recommending their construction in Troy.

See the New '54
Westinghouse
AND
Kelvinator
Appliances
HAWTHORNE
Electric Co.
162 N. Woodward MI 4-2200

Eugene Hesz, M.A.
has resumed his informal investment lecture evenings, complying with many requests

Lecture Jan. 29th
Time: 8 p.m.

"HOW TO READ THE FINANCIAL PART OF A NEWSPAPER"

Place: Birmingham Community House
380 S. Bates at Townsend Street

Sponsor: **A.M. Kider & Co.** (est. 1865)
member of the New York Stock Exchange and other Domestic and Canadian Exchanges

You are cordially invited to the lecture and to the informal discussion period to follow. Bring your own problems along. No admission charge and no obligation.

Willing to Meet -- But What'll They Discuss?

If city officials meet with representatives of the merchants group seeking off-street parking facilities in the southwest quadrant of the central business section, what will they talk about?

That question came from Commissioner Dean G. Beier Monday night as Mayor Ralph A. Main attempted to find a meeting date this week for the two groups.

"I think that is a good question," seconded Commissioner Charles Renfrew.

"Well, you fellows asked for the meeting some time ago," replied the mayor.

SO COMMISSIONERS attempted to discover the why's and wherefore's of such a meeting, and recalled these facts:

The commission and the merchants group several months ago agreed to meet and discuss what should be done about off-street parking in the southwest quadrant.

In the meantime, the merchants in the northwest quadrant have gone ahead on their own (primarily Wabek Corp. and Jacobson's, Inc. "Own") to provide parking facilities.

AND THE CITY commission only last week instructed City Manager D. C. Egbert to study and

REDUCE OUR REPAIR BUSINESS!

Every day we see cars in for service that haven't been properly lubricated for many thousands of miles. In most cases these cars are in for repairs that could have been avoided—through proper lubrication by factory trained experts. Bring your Chrysler or Plymouth to a Chrysler-Plymouth trained lubrication expert. Reduce our service business? Yes, but, eliminate your unnecessary repair bills.

KELLER-KOCH, Inc.
479 S. Woodward Ave. MI 6-1200

ALL FLOOR SAMPLE --

Habitant **KNOTTY WHITE PINE FURNITURE**

Habitant is versatile furniture, fashioned from beautiful Michigan Knotty White Pine. It blends the beauty of the wood with the style that matches the tempo of today.

Sold As Shown On Our Floor **20% OFF MARKED PRICES**

We Offer You Our Stock of 1953 Model **LAMPS 1/3 OFF MARKED PRICES**

DECORATING SERVICE . . .

Services of our HOME DECORATING CONSULTANT are as near as your telephone. Call or drop in to see all the latest suggestions in home decor.

LEWIS Fine Furniture
235 Pierce Street Phone MI 4-4920
PONTIAC STORE 62-70 South Saginaw Street, Pontiac