

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

ANOTHER 10 DAYS will see the return to the USA of the two Birmingham members of the Yale Glee club, which has been touring Europe this summer. The two are Scott E. O'Gorman, 147 Abbey, and John W. Stegall, 5250 Wilson, Bloomfield township. Incidentally, last week's identification of these two before that Radio Free Europe microphone was the reverse of what it should have been. The identification sent by RFE was incorrect, and Jack's dad, former city commissioner John O'Gorman, spotted the error for us. Added the senior O'Gorman: "Those 60 boys have made 26 concert appearances in 33 days, and represented the U.S. in several European competitions. At the July 8-10 festival at Llanollen, Wales, the group placed second out of 24 groups which competed."

THE THREE LARGE PINE TREES at 21 Manor road are the ramping place of a family of two red squirrels, reports the owner of those trees, C of C Secretary Charles Mortenson. "In fact, one of the squirrels gets regular exercise, and in so doing provides me with some fun," explains Mortenson. "This little fellow has the greatest time pitching pine cones to the ground. And of course, I have to keep bending in the middle picking them up."

ONE OF OUR PROMINENT CITIZENS last week was waiting on the southwest corner of Maple and Pierce. Across Maple came a boy of about eight years, holding a leash attached to a good-sized dachshund. Without benefit of introduction, the lad asked our citizen: "Mister, will you please hold my dog for me?" Before he could reply, Mr. Citizen found the leash in his hand, the boy disappearing behind the screen door of a drug store. Four or five minutes later, the boy returned, thanked the citizen, and went his way. "The thing that impressed me was the boy's complete lack of inhibition," Mr. Citizen said to this Wanderer. "I was merely standing there doing nothing, so why not lend a hand to someone who had an errand to finish? Probably was the way the boy had sized me up. At that, I was happy to oblige someone with a purpose."

MR. AND MRS. MAURICE SMITH, 1527 Bannville, report that their vacation this summer was one of the best ever. The Smiths returned last week from seven days of trailer housing at Otsego state park on Otsego lake. Smith was especially proud of his fishing exploits. He landed a 30-inch northern pike that tipped the scales at 7½ pounds, and he brought a picture of the finny giant to The Eccentric editorial office to prove it.

AN INTRODUCTION is in order for the newest member of The Eccentric's editorial staff. The newcomer, Virginia Reiney, is a veteran news writer who hails from the State of Texas. Her experience includes several years of newspaper reporting for daily newspapers as well as a stint in magazine work. Miss Reiney succeeds Gilbert V. Herman, reporter for The Eccentric for the past year. Herman's new position finds him writing for the Ford Motor Company's training department.

TWO NEW NEWSPAPER stands have been added by The Eccentric's circulation department within the past week. Martini's Restaurant, 138 S. Woodward, and Osborne's Food Market, Crooks road at Big Beaver, Troy township, now will be serviced regularly with issues of this paper.

PLEASE DON'T ASSUME that because you live in this suburban area, so close to one of America's largest cities, that you are without the influence of some wild animal life (and we don't mean human). From time to time, residents are bothered with raccoons, normally found in northern Michigan. These animals, which move around mostly at night, always are on the lookout for food. In this area, garbage cans are their most common source of provender. They'll knock over garbage cans, scatter the stuff about, eating what they want. While there is supposed to be "No Hunting" in this area, this Wanderer wonders if some of our rifle and shotgun marksmen aren't using these pestiferous raccoons as targets... and, honestly, shouldn't they be so used?

MR. AND MRS. NORMAN ROWE, who reside on the shore of nearby Gilbert Lake, are enthusiastic fishermen. When they aren't up north dry-fly fishing for trout in a stream, they get into their boat at Gilbert and catch perch, pike, bass and bluegills. Recently they landed a 21-inch northern pike. Mr. Rowe put it into a canvas fish bag he uses instead of a stringer. When he got back to his residence, he hung the fish and bag where he thought no animal could reach it. The next morning he found the bag several hundred feet away, the fish gone. "Raccoons, of course, got that pike," explained Mr. Rowe who, this Wanderer is told on eminent authority, never stretches the truth when he relates fish stories.

ALASKANS VISITING BIRMINGHAM last week on the Civil Air Patrol exchange plan expressed a slight peeve because Alaskans are always talking about exorbitant prices "up north". Our visitor explained that on the average, prices are only a little higher than stateside costs. Eggs pose a funny, "native" ones costing \$1.10 a dozen while those flown in from the States are only 59 cents. However, the lady did tell of buying a five-bedroom, two-bath home for \$1,900!

During the daylight hours Sunday, 23 persons were ticketed by Birmingham police for driving on streets in the closed area surrounding the road construction on Maple.

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JEAN MCGREGOR OF WING LAKE STUDIES an actual garden layout to display the workings of Roberto Burle Marx, landscape architect from Brazil who plans his garden designs in water color paintings before starting the actual work on the land. The display is part of an exhibition of Marx's watercolors and photos which will be on display at the museum of Cranbrook's Academy of Art until August 15. (Eccentric Photo)

Two Polio Cases Reported in City

Two polio cases have been reported in Birmingham to Mrs. Anne Gillette, city health nurse. A Troy township three-month-old baby is reported to be the youngest polio patient in the nation. Richard "Scott" DeLaRossa, 6, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald R. DeLaRossa, 1342 Southfield, is reported doing very well in Henry Ford hospital by his mother. Scott is in the post polio ward going through physical therapy and baths. He is expected to be out of the hospital in one week, Mrs. DeLaRossa said.

SCOTT WAS a first grader at the Pierce school and received the Salk immunization test. It will not be known until the close of the survey whether Scott received the immunization vaccine or the neutral liquid.

Mrs. DeLaRossa said Scott had a slight headache, stiff neck and a temperature before going to the hospital.

Mrs. Gillette reports that the second case is non-paralytic. This 13-year-old is in Henry Ford hospital.

Three-month-old Keith Schmitz is the twin son of Mr. and Mrs. John Schmitz, 1008 Gray, Troy township. He is believed to be the youngest polio victim in the nation.

KEITH IS past the acute stage and is given exercises and hot packs daily. His temperature, however, has remained in good health.

Fourteen-year-old Dick Ward, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Ward, 2207 East Big Beaver, Troy township, is a patient in the Farmington Children's hospital. He is being treated for spinal meningitis.

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PROMOTION OF John K. Kleene, 1872 Derby, to the staff position of Director of Planning and Creative Services for Florez, Inc., audio-visual specialists in sales training and merchandising, is announced by Genaro A. Florez, president of the Detroit firm. Kleene has been in the merchandising and promotion work with the organization for the past eight years. In his new capacity, he will be responsible for the quality of all creative work done by the various Florez industrial divisions.

Smith, Olf's Team To Claim Third Invitational Win

For the third straight time Art Olf and Wally Smith combined to win the Birmingham Country Club golf invitational over the past weekend.

They gained the victory by defeating B. C. Gould and Ben Smith of Detroit metropolitan golf play. The two were six under par at the end of the 59 holes.

Jim Riddell of Red Run and Sam Kocsis won the championship consolation by downing Chris Brinke and George Lyon, Jr., 3-2.

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Condemnation Verdict Meets B of E Approval

The Birmingham board of education at its Tuesday night meeting approved the verdict of Oakland county circuit court which awarded the sum of \$86,252.20 to property owners of a 22-acre site in condemnation proceedings last week. The board wants the property for a new junior high school but no action was taken towards purchase of the land.

The board authorized Attorney John Martz to execute the deed and clear the title on the property for the board's record, as recommended by Board President Ernest W. Sealhorn, who reviewed the proceedings.

LAST WEEK before Judge George B. Hartrick, a jury of 10 women and two men turned in a verdict "condemned by necessity". The property is bounded by Denby, Adams and Buckingham streets and the Grand Trunk Western railroad.

The board sought the land for a new junior high school and in playground for nearby Adams school. The school's offer of \$1,250 per acre was turned down by owners who asked \$4,750 per acre. The new junior high school is a part of the \$3,500,000 bond issue approved by the school district voters in June.

Hi School Addition Bids Due Aug. 9

The Birmingham board of education Tuesday night agreed to advertise for bids on August 9 for construction of the 20-room addition to the Birmingham high school.

The group also authorized test borings preceding construction on the additions at an estimated cost of \$500.

The high school addition is a part of the \$3½ million bond issue approved in June.

City Won't Delay New Gas Station

A building permit for construction of a new gas station at Eton and 14 Mile will not be held up pending decision on where to place a water main to serve business property adjoining the proposed station.

Aug. 8 was set for hearing the necessity of extending the main so it could be a loop around the block.

Birmingham city commissioners warned that the station owner faced an amendment for a water main, although city officials agree the site could be served from the end of a main off one corner of the property.

Women Appeal Case, Freed on \$200 Bond

Two Detroit women sentenced to 60 days in jail and fined \$25 each on charges of simple larceny in Birmingham Justice court Monday, later secured legal counsel and were freed on \$200 bond each pending the appeal. The women are Mrs. Evelyn Myers, 53, of 918 Virginia Park, and Mrs. Mona L. Dingler, 57, of 59 Seward.

Further details are in earlier story on Page 7, Section Two.

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