

# BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

A NEW SET-UP FOR HANDLING traffic violations may be considered for the city of Birmingham following completion of both the eastside and westside fire stations, City Manager D. C. Egbert indicated this week. Completion of the stations will result in more room for other facilities in the portion of the municipal building now occupied by the fire department. Egbert said the city commission may study possibilities of removing the traffic violations bureau from under the jurisdiction of the police department, and place it under the justice court as is recommended by the National Safety Council and police chiefs' associations.

NOW THAT THE JUNE 30 solar eclipse is history, the next eclipse Detroit area residents may be able to see—providing the weather is clear—is a lunar one the evening of July 15. At 6:09 p.m. that night, the moon starts into the earth's shadow. But in this area only the last half hour will be seen, starting about 8 p.m. The first 4/5ths of the eclipse will take place below the horizon.

IT WAS A BONANZA in more ways than one when a portion of the Col. Edwin S. George Estate at Andover and W. Long Lake road, Bloomfield township, was deeded to the Bloomfield Hills board of education for a high school site. In rough grading operations on the property, workmen uncovered a deposit of peat moss that will be more than enough to take care of all landscaping needs of the school. The deposit was such that at current prices the board could afford to stockpile it, refill the resultant excavation, and still be money ahead. Also discovered on the site was an amount of sand suitable for construction purposes that enabled the general contractor to reduce his bid by \$500.

"THE FLYING FOURSOME" is the nickname being applied this week to the Milton Berz family, which operates the airport of the same name on E. Maple, just outside Birmingham. Friday was the day 16-year-old Emily Berz soloed, thus becoming the fourth member of the Berz family to take to the air. Ted Berz, 18, vows he is not going to be the only one in the family that isn't a pilot. So he's started in to learn. Mill, Sr., began flying in 1920. His wife, Dorothy, and son, Mill, Jr., got their pilots' licenses within a short time of each other just about 10 years ago.

THOSE KIWANIS MEN down in Southfield are at it again! Their meeting this week again took the form of a work-session, with the youth shelter at the Southfield Park their objective. The group worked long hours last year building the shelter and are currently putting the finishing touches on, along with a sprucing up of the area. As in the past, Kiwaniqueens were on deck to handle food details as the construction crew knocked off for rest and chow.

SATURDAY'S RAIN didn't dampen the spirits of 25 Vickers employees and their families as they turned out en masse to help Walter Flinn of 412 Greenwood put up a 2 1/2-car garage. Taking a two-hour break for lunch, the group worked all day, completing all the framing and siding. They are co-workers of Flinn in the aviation sales department at Vickers.

IT WAS THE STORY of a dog who wanted to see government in action on a recent Tuesday night. As this wanderer entered the city limits of Lathrup Village, he noticed the car ahead being followed closely by a young Colbie pup. Over winding streets and through puddles left by rain earlier that evening the dog managed to keep up with the passenger car. The Lathrup city hall was the destination of the car. After the driver disappeared behind the large door of the House-in-the-Woods, the dog sat on the outside, his head cocked to one side, and waited... and waited... and waited.

One of the most valuable qualities that youth can develop is that of a willingness to assume, and discharge, responsibility. For it is only by the doing of things that one makes any type of progress, only in good activity does one nourish happiness.

# The Birmingham Eccentric

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CARGILL DETROIT IS REPRESENTATIVE OF SMALL INDUSTRY HERE  
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## Automation Production Grows in Birmingham

If a stranger stopped the great majority of Birmingham residents and asked to be directed to the industrial part of the city, that stranger might see look of horror spreading across those Birminghamer's faces.

"What do you mean—industrial area? Why, there isn't any. People just live here!" would be that resident's response. However, Birmingham in recent years has seen considerable industrial development—all of it on the eastern edge of the city. But all of it is in the light industry classification—very little if any noise, smoke or vibration.

A case in point is Cargill Detroit which, since coming to Birmingham in 1950, has grown from a one-man business to a design and manufacture enterprise with sales running at the rate of more than a quarter million dollars. Its highly specialized products are sent to England, Canada, Spain and Switzerland, as well as to several parts of the United States.

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## Bloomfield Zoners To Discuss Bid For Parking Lot

An application for rezoning of property on the southwest corner of Maple and Telegraph roads, to allow parking facilities for a proposed shopping center, has been received by the Bloomfield township zoning board, according to Frank Arnold, chairman. Arnold said the application may be discussed by the board at its meeting next Monday night or may be brought up at a special meeting within a week or 10 days.

An undisclosed applicant purchased 17 1/2 acres on the corner in March from the Maple Hills syndicate.

At that time it was announced that the new purchaser was contemplating a shopping center on business property that extends 500 feet to the west and south of the intersection.

The remainder of the property was to be resold for residential development.

## Award Contract

Construction of 2.3 miles of bituminous concrete resurfacing on Maple road in Troy township was awarded to Louis Garavaglia, Centerline by the Michigan State road commission at a bid price of \$82,302.50. Maple will be resurfaced from Livernois to Dequindre with the completion date set at September 18.

## Attends ROTC Camp

Cadet John K. Hooper, a student at the University of Georgia, has arrived at Ft. Benning, Ga., to attend the 1954 General Military Science Reserve Officers' Training Corps Summer camp. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Hooper, 1619 East Maple.

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## People's Column Likes Story Series On Old Birmingham

To the Editor: I wish to congratulate Mrs. Ruth Anne Silbar of The Eccentric staff for her column, "Birmingham Background."

She did a fine job editing my "Remember" of my early hood days in Birmingham. However, there was one item which I forgot to mention.

It is about one man, Horace (Hod) Leet, who lived on Pierce street. He carried the mail between Birmingham and Franklin in horse and buggy for 50 years, until he died.

He was a legend. I am sure there may be a few old timers there who will remember him. I am amazed by what Mrs. Silbar has written me about the population of present Birmingham.

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## Completes Course

Pvt. John C. Hampson, Jr., has completed the armor track vehicle maintenance course at Fort Knox, Ky. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Hampson, 1500 Cranbrook road.

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### Expect Study Soon On Haynes Paving

Paving of Haynes street between Columbia and Eton may be under discussion soon, City Manager Donald C. Egbert stated last week.

With development of the Porritt property underway, Egbert said that the petition for paving Haynes neared the study stage.

He also intimated that Bowers and Hazel between Columbia and Eton also might be included in paving plans, making it an area project.

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