

BITS OF BIRMINGHAM

SUBDUED LAUGHTER rippled through one section of the Birmingham high school gymnasium Thursday morning as the Rev. W. Glen Harris began intoning the invocation at the Birmingham high school commencement. The mirth was touched off when a little girl about three-year-old whispered, quite audibly, "Put your head down, Daddy. Come on, Mommy, you put your head down, too."

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION ceremonies naturally are of great family interest—with fathers and mothers on hand to watch their children receive recognition for their years of effort through school. This family atmosphere was accentuated at last week's commencement exercises at Birmingham high school because two persons participating in the program had daughters in the graduating class. Mrs. Alec Parnie, member of the board of education, who introduced the guest speaker, saw her daughter Ann graduated—and the Rev. W. Glen Harris, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, who gave the invocation, saw his daughter, Cherry, graduated.

NATION-WIDE CLEANUP CAMPAIGNS during the past year seem to have carried their benefits to roadside ditches in this area. A spot check along mile roads and highways running north from Detroit two years ago found shoulders and ditches in this area cluttered with debris and many new subdivisions to the south, east and north were blighted by wind-blown waste paper and rubbish. Last year the problem of dumping along ditches seemed somewhat lessened and this year few violations have been cited during the past few weeks.

DURING THE severe rain storm about noon Sunday, this Wanderer was amused to notice a group of youngsters, clad in bathing suits, out playing in the rain. This is not an unusual sight, especially when the weather is as hot as it has been lately. What set it apart was one slender little lady strolling after the others, carrying a very large umbrella.

LINDA LANDSNAES, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Erling R. Landsnaes, 1898 Birmingham, joined Mary Sue Martin of Fenton in a televised fencing demonstration Saturday, June 19, over a Detroit television station. The demonstration was a part of the regular "Michigan Report", a program presented by the University of Michigan. Helen M. Stewart, assistant supervisor of physical education for women at the university, explained fencing as one of the typical sports offered to women on the campus.

BIRMINGHAM'S Kiwanis club really got its feet on the ground at its June 22 meeting at the Community House. One of the members, Gene Lewis, the evening's speaker, used a motion picture to illustrate his remarks—it was "The Art of Bootmaking."

ALTHOUGH B'HAM CITY MANAGER D. C. Egbert this week is listed as "on vacation" from his city hall duties, he still is hard at work around his new cottage now under construction on the thumb side of Saginaw Bay. Meanwhile City Engineer Dick Gare is standing by for any municipal hot potatoes that may come up.

BIRMINGHAM'S polo fund is richer by \$7.12, thanks to a group of youngsters from Adams school. The amount was presented to local fund campaign chairman John B. Taylor last week, with the request that he turn it over to the March of Dimes funds.

It has been declared that "God is lost". If one is to acquire a better acquaintance with this Divinity, better acquainted with Him, as it is through the exercise of his inner ear, and willing to exemplify to others, this God-given quality.

Troy Twp. Cub Scouts End Season's Activity

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TROY TOWNSHIP—At the last Pack meeting of the year, held at Big Beaver school, Den 4, Pack B-20, won the year's den motto of the group.

Cubmaster Nicholas Voican, presented awards to Charles Calk, gold arrow in Lion rank; Albert Squire, gold arrow in Wolf rank; and William Lance, gold arrow in Bear rank.

Larry Tyrell, Harold Heckman, Danny Visner and Joey Hankins were welcomed into the Pack and presented with Bobcat pins.

Bird houses made by the Cubs were displayed at the meeting and songs and stunts made up the program. A candy sale was held before and after the meeting, the money being added to the Pack treasury.

The Macabees, Big Beaver Hive 1081, will entertain the Oakland county association of Macabees this week at the Big Beaver Methodist church.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with the Big Beaver group serving dinner at noon, followed by business meeting. Ritualistic work will be conducted by Rochester Hive 115 and a plaque, won at last week's state convention in Jackson, will be presented to the Empire Hive of Oxford by commander Larry Ayers.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Herald have moved into their new home, 2230 Rochester road. For the past three months they had been residing at Troywood after the sale of their home on East Big Beaver road.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Strich of North Branch, were guests at the Williams house, Sr. residence. They came here to attend the funeral of Mrs. Strich's brother, Martin Strich.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene A. Ostrowski, 1823 East Big Beaver road, have received word that their son, Pvt. Eugene Ostrowski, has recently completed three weeks physical and technical training which qualified him as a paratrooper.

Eugene, who enlisted September 1951, is a gunner in the 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, N. C., and spent a furlough with his parents last December. He will be home this month for a 6 day furlough.

The Gabbins' dozen met at the home of Mrs. Lester Brockway, 71 Olympia. Prizes were won by Mrs. Mary Ford, Mrs. Lester Brockway, Mrs. Lauren Ford and Mrs. Eric Franzen. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Joseph Crowe, 605 Big Beaver road.

Guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry LaBelle of Royaldale, were Mrs. LaBelle's sister, Mrs. Edith Pinkham of St. Petersburg, Fla., and a niece, Mrs. Evelyn Dietrich of Los Angeles, Calif. Also visiting the LaBelles, was another niece from Detroit, Mrs. A. R. MacDuff.

The Birmingham Eccentric

SECTION 5

Thursday, June 24, 1954

New PTA Council Elects Chairmen

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TROY TOWNSHIP—Meeting in Troy high school, Thursday, June 17 at 8 p.m., 27 unit presidents, including 11 from Troy and Clawson, chose standing committee chairmen of the newly formed East Oakland Area PTA Council.

Representing 2,500 members, the newly formed council halves the dues and members of the far-flung parent council which covered all county PTAs without city councils of their own.

Mrs. Walter E. Huff, 3431 Crooks road, Troy township, heads the new council, whose southern corner embraces the 11 Clawson and Troy units.

"The East council is designed to serve a more central area where

PTA problems are similar," explained Mrs. Huff. "It also eliminates the need of driving so far to council meetings which usually are held in the Donaldson school, Pontiac."

Troy and Clawson units were the only ones represented in the old Oakland county council. They included Clawson high school PTSA, Clawson elementary, Kenwood and Parkland-MacDonald schools.

Troy locals are Troy high school, Poppleton, Log Cabin, Big Beaver, Troy Union, Colerain and Troy 2.

Officers elected with Mrs. Huff are Mrs. Robert Sanford, Lake Orion, vice president; Mrs. G. A. Goforth, Avon township, treasurer; Mrs. William Chapman, Clawson, recording secretary; Mrs. Roscoe V. Crowell, principal of Avon high school, corresponding secretary and

Mrs. Helen Allen, Rochester, historian. Mrs. Ronald Rounsaville, Troy township, will act as temporary chairman. Meetings of the new council are scheduled after the parent council with five sessions during the season. The first membership meeting will be on all day September 14th.

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