



## Homeless Children Aided by Torch Fund

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the last of four articles being written by Birmingham high school journalism students of personal visits to institutions and activities sponsored by the United Foundation, now conducting its 1954 Torch Drive.

By MARILEE PODLESK

"Of such is the Kingdom" is the quotation engraved on the administration building and in the hearts of all these children's home.

Donated by the Kresge foundation in 1929, the village strives to lessen the institutional feeling by satisfying the emotional, educational, physical and spiritual needs of youth of all sizes, ages, and of Protestant denominations, with a need for special guidance and welcome to the 75 acres of the Village.

WORKING WITH THE Methodist church, the United Foundation supports the social services of the home. The adoption program, the children boarding with foster parents, and the wages of all social workers are only a few of the services rendered by the Torch drive.

Living in the village, 64 school-age children have all the advantages of home. Cats, fish, ducks, chickens, eight children, and a house mother live together as a family in one of the many old English style houses, surrounded by warmth and affection.

MOST OF THE children attend the public schools in Redford and live as normal youths do. During the summer, the youngsters enjoy an extensive day-camp program including cookouts, swimming, hiking and overnights.

Complete professional medical and dental care is given the children by metropolitan doctors.

Parents and 16 mm colored sound film entitled "Bound for the Caribbean" will be shown. For those families who desire to swim, a motorcade will leave for the Northern Branch of the "Y" at 8:15 p.m. Cost of the family nite is free to "Y" members. A small charge is made for service in the locker room at 8:15 p.m. for those swimming. Full details may be had by telephoning the YMCA.

## Teenagers, Adults Share Dance Time

The Birmingham YMCA is inviting Junior High schools to a square dance instruction group on Saturday, November 20 from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the YMCA. Reservations must be made with Mrs. Martha Schaefer or the "Y" in order to insure a place in one of the sets.

Admission is free to "Y" members with a small charge being made to non-members. Adults will follow the "Y" teens with a square dance of their own in which the price of admission includes instruction and refreshments. The time for this affair is from 8:30 p.m. until midnight. The "Y" will assist any couples in getting baby sitters.

## City, Country PTA Hears Educator

Speaking at the City and Country school PTA meeting at the school at 8:30 p.m., Nov. 16, Mrs. Emma Plank, will illustrate her talk with color slides taken in the nursery school at Western Reserve university. She is assistant professor of education there.

STUDENTS LEARN OF TORCH FUND CHILDREN'S HOME ACTIVITIES From left: Judy Von Rosen, Marilee Podlesak, Donna Knaperz, Mrs. G. Bosworth

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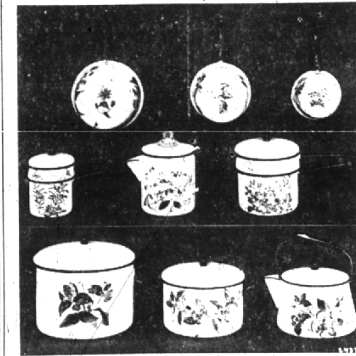
## Physician Faces Driving Charges

Dr. Everett M. Steffen, 3343 Coolidge, Berkeley, Friday stood mute in Birmingham justice court on charges of driving under the influence of liquor. 2443 auto was on Dec. 3 by Justice J. J. Gaff, who continued Dr. Steffen \$100 each bond. Police said they arrested the physician at 3 a.m. Oct. 28 at Townsend and Bates. At the same court session, R. C. Cunningham, 185 Hawthorn, was fined \$25 on reckless driving charges arising out of his arrest Oct. 12.

## First Family Night Of Season Planned

The first of a series of Family Nites will take place at the Birmingham YMCA, Friday, November 12 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Dr. Ormond Lounge. The program will start with group singing and informal games to be followed by a quiz program between young-

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FROM THE MAYOR, a watch, and with it the thanks of a city for 25 years of police protection. In the first presentation of its kind, Mayor Charles Renfrew interrupted Monday night's city commission meeting long enough to thank Leo A. Stiers, former police sergeant who retired from the force last month after celebrating a quarter-century of work with the department. In acknowledging the gift, Stiers said, "In all those years, the various city officials have been very kind to me and I have never regretted an moment of it." Chief Ralph W. Moxley and several officers attended the brief ceremony. (Eccentric Photo)



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